

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1354

Introduced by Assembly Member Berg

February 21, 2003

An act relating to fish.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1354, as introduced, Berg. Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account.

Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing a comprehensive program to allow California groundfish fishermen to participate in any federally established buy-back program for the Pacific groundfish fishery.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent amendments, to establish the Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, and to authorize the Fish and Game Commission to establish a capacity reduction fee on the taking of certain species of fish and shellfish to be used to repay loans of California fishermen from the federal government under the buy-back program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent
- 2 amendments, to do both of the following:
- 3 (a) Establish the Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction
- 4 Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund.

1 (b) Authorize the Fish and Game Commission to establish a
2 capacity reduction fee on the taking of certain species of fish and
3 shellfish. Fees collected would be deposited into the account, to be
4 used to repay the share of any loans of California Fisherman from
5 the federal government that are used to purchase fishing permits
6 and vessels in the federal Groundfish buy-back program, if that
7 program is enacted.

